

MENTAL HEALTH OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 14, 2004

Board of Investments Conference Room, Helena

Members Present: Melanie Martin-Dent, Jenny Lynch, John Esp, Joyce DeCunzo, Don Harr, Chuck Hunter, Drew Schoening, Tom Peluso, Mignon Waterman, John Chappuis, Leroy Bingham, Jo Shipman, Barbara Hogg, Leslie Edgecomb, Suzanne Hopkins, Jacob Wagner

Members Absent: Bob Keenan, Gerald Pease, John Lynn, Larry Noonan, Janet Kelly

Facilitator: John Munding

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION	FOLLOW UP
Mental Health Care – Montana Department of Corrections – Drew Schoening, PhD	<p>Montana State Prison – estimate of prevalence of serious mental illness is approximately 21% and expected to increase in the future. Services focus on correction and public safety instead of treatment.</p> <p>All inmates are potential recipients of mental health services; assessment is completed on all admissions. Those with more serious illness remain at the main facility; 275 persons currently on psychiatric medication; prevalence of personality disorders and co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorder.</p> <p>Staffing at MSP is inadequate to meet the needs of the population; recruitment and retention problems contribute to stressful working conditions.</p>	See handout for Better Case Scenario	Drew will present this information at the next Bridges Meeting.

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	<p>Prison environment is not friendly for persons with mental illness – it is not a hospital. There are fewer staff to monitor inmates and staff is oriented toward custody and management of behavior problems rather than helping or caring. Conditions are crowded; alienation from family and social support; criminal culture is prevalent – don't trust, show weakness, kindness or consideration.</p>		
<p>Department Budget Update – John Chappuis</p>	<p>The Department is nearing the conclusion of the Governor's Executive Planning Process. Department priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstate prevention and stabilization fund • Medicaid re-design • Extend Medicaid asset look-back • Waiver of deeming (could expand number of eligibles) • Reintroduce pre-admission screening for Montana State Hospital legislation 		
<p>AMDD Update – Joyce DeCunzo</p>	<p>Conditional award of Mental Health Block Grant for 2004 (\$1.2M) – award is conditional upon ability to resolve difficulties and obtaining a waiver from Secty. of HHS. AMDD will plan to spend grant with understanding of potential for refund. AMDD Budget – Prevention and Stabilization Funds not in base – will request re-authorization from Legislature.</p>		

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	<p>During August, Montana State Hospital was over licensed capacity 25/31 days. Pre-admission screening legislation will bring need to control admissions into the public forum.</p> <p>See Handout</p> <p>Next meeting: review Survey completed by AMDD on “Transforming the System of Adult Mental Health Care”</p>	<p>County attorneys, commissioners, MAP must be included in development of legislation.</p> <p>Montana Psychiatric Association indicated support for pre-admission screening legislation</p> <p>Identify critical goals, benchmarks and framework for monitoring progress.</p>	
Ombudsman Report – Bonnie Adee	<p>Trends – see handout</p> <p>Over-all recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues about criminal justice system • Crisis services • Transition services for youth • Multi-agency planning and collaboration in both youth and adult systems 		
Children’s Mental Health – Chuck Hunter	<p>System of Care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planing training sessions in Billings and Missoula • Outcome measures for system as a whole and for kids being served <p>Preferred Drug List – mental health medications will be reviewed last</p> <p>See Handout</p>		
Montana State Hospital Data Project - Lou Thompson	Preliminary descriptive data for individuals admitted FY02-04 and	Recommended that AMDD look at the differences between civil	

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	discharged during FY04. Data collection and analysis will continue. Anticipate completion of work by end of October. See handouts	and forensic commitments and identify the services that are available in counties with low admission rates.	
Crisis Intervention Team – Darren Nealis	Teams from Helena and Billings traveled to Memphis, TN for a two-day orientation to innovative program that includes law enforcement and community providers. The purpose of the training is to define the role for law enforcement, teach appropriate response, and transport persons in crisis to appropriate facility. Eli Lily has indicated interest in finding intensive training for Montana teams through a grant.		
LAC Policy review and approval	Decision delegated to SAA subcommittee.	Concerns about LAC/KMA relationship will be represented by Chuck Hunter. Conference call will be held by end of September.	Report at next meeting
Communications Subcommittee – Don Harr	See handout Discussion about use of information cards for legislators. Marcia may have copies of ones used 4 years ago.	Delete #8 – not a function of MHOAC Add Pre-admission Screening Legislation Subcommittee will meet and develop recommendations for criteria/concerns to be addressed and outcomes for legislation.	Joyce will provide written response about change in decision to support Pre-admission screening legislation.
Bozeman Update – Tom Peluso	To address lack of crisis resources in Bozeman, Gallatin County and Deaconess Hospital have donated funds for a crisis response team and for start-up funding for a crisis home		

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	<p>that will be staffed by mental health and medical staff. Anticipated opening by November 1. Facility will serve primarily residents of Gallatin County – as space available will serve others (Park); anticipated length of stay is up to 90 days; will do social detox for CD; hospital may provide support for medical detox – step-down.</p> <p>Deaconess Hospital is developing concept of behavioral health unit/campus in Bozeman that will serve both youth and adults.</p>	<p>Commendation from MHOAC to Gallatin County for this program</p>	<p>Council did not identify person to draft this.</p>
Other		<p>Council indicated interest in a presentation by Leslie Edgecomb on housing.</p>	<p>Will try to have this on the November agenda.</p>

Next meeting: November 18, 2004
Location to be announced